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House Resolution 1377

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing the contributions of senior Georgians and declaring the week of February 23,
- 2 2010, as Senior Week at the Capitol; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, senior citizens are the state's most rapidly expanding resource with retirees
- 4 moving to Georgia from every state in the nation, increasing the population of older
- 5 Georgians by a projected 83 percent by 2020; and
- 6 WHEREAS, seniors in Georgia contribute immeasurably to the state's vitality by capitalizing
- 7 on their strengths, talents, knowledge, and resources to provide volunteer leadership in our
- 8 communities, mentor the children of Georgia, enjoy Georgia's natural attractions and leisure
- 9 opportunities, and participate in Georgia's growing international marketplace; and
- 10 WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly benefits by hearing from older Georgians and
- 11 their families about their concerns and needs and their suggestions regarding how elected
- 12 officials can better serve this growing segment of the population; and
- 13 WHEREAS, in order to positively impact state policy and to improve the future of all
- 14 Georgians, seniors need to understand and become meaningfully involved in our state's
- 15 legislative process; and
- 16 WHEREAS, since 1987, the Georgia Council on Aging has organized an annual gathering
- of senior Georgians conducting special activities referred to as Senior Week at the Capitol
- 18 to raise public awareness about the needs and contributions of seniors.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 20 the week of February 23, 2010, shall be observed as Senior Week at the Capitol, and all
- 21 members are encouraged to respond to issues of importance to senior Georgians.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Council on

24 Aging.